Last week, I pulled six nights of working "mids" in the National Military Command Center of the Pentagon. Working 9 pm to 6 am each night, I led a team of analysts watching over events and reporting to our country's military leaders on developments overseas.

My right hand was Major Barrington Barrett, US Army, who served as my Assistant Deputy Director for Intelligence. Call sign "Raul", Barrington kept me on the straight and narrow. This picture is how we looked, bleary-eyed after six all-nighters in the bowels of the Pentagon.

All kidding aside, it was a great couple of nights serving with some of the most idealistic and dedicated Americans in uniform. Thank you Barrington!

